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SUMMARY. THE WEEK WAS MARKED BY AILING CHOU EN-LAI'S FURTHER
WITHDRAWAL FROM PUBLIC ACTIVITY AND THE APPEARANCE OF SIGNS
THAT THE REGIME IS PREOCCUPIED WITH THE SUCCESSION PROBLEM. IN
THE INTERNAL POLITICAL MOVEMENT, A HEAVY ATTACK ON LIN PIAO'S
MILITARY LINE IS DEVELOPING ALONG WITH REPEATED CALLS FOR UNITY
AND OBEDIENCE TO CENTRAL AUTHORITY. ON THE EXTERNAL SIDE. PEKING
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PLAYED HOST TO A CEDEL LED BY SENATOR FULBRIGHT, MARKED NORTH
KOREA'S NATIONAL DAY IN MODERATE FASHION, AND GAVE BULGARIA A
TOT MORE ATTENTION THAN USUAL. AFRICAN LEADERS CONTINUE TO TROOP
TO PEKING ON STATE VISITS. END SUMMARY.

1. CHOU AND THE SUCCESSION PROBLEM
CHOU EN-LAI'S PROGRESSIVE WITHDRAWAL FROM REGULAR PUBLIC ACTIVITY,
BEGUN IN THE SPRING, IS NOW SEEMINGLY COMPLETE WITH HIS FAILURE

TO APPEAR FOR MAO'S MEETINGS WITH THE TOGOLESE PRESIDENT (SEPTEMBER 4) AND THE NIGERIAN HEAD OF GOVERNMENT, GENERAL GOWON (SEPTEMBER 10). THE REGIME HAS REACTED WITH FREQUENT REFERENCES TO CHOU'S AUTHORITY BY VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING AND LI HSIEN-NIEN, WHO CONTINUE AS JOINT-CARETAKERS OF THE PREMIER'S PUBLIC DUTIES, AND BY REARRANGING THE SEETING FOR MAO'S MEETINGS.

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2. YOUNG PARTY VICE CHAIRMAN WANG HUNG-WEN, THE HEIR APPARENT, WAS ALSO ABSENT FROM THE MEETINGS, WHICH TENG AND LI ATTENDED IN TURNS, AND PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE HAS BEEN SHARPLY LIMITED. THE APPARENT INTENTION IS TO CURB SPECULATION THAT CHOU'S INFLUENCE IS ENDED AND THAT WANG REPLACES HIM AT THE TOP NEXT TO MAO IN PARTY AND STATE AUTHORITY. TENG HAS GIVEN RECENT VISITORS TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE AILING CHOU'S CONDITION IS SOMEWHAT WORSE. THE SUCCESSION PROBLEM MUST BE A GROWING PREOCCUPATION FOR CHINA'S LEADERS (HONG KONG 9980; HONG KONG 9837; PEKING 1542 PEKING 1537).

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3. LEADERSHIP APPEARANCES

THE VISIT OF NIGERIAN HEAD OF GOVERNMENT, GENERAL GOWON, WAS NOTABLE ON THE LEADERSHIP LEVEL WITH THE INCREASED PLAY GIVEN TO POLITBURO MEMBER CHEN HSI-LIEN WHO NOT ONLY TURNED UP AT THE AIRPORT AND AT RECEPTIONS UT WHO SERVED AS ESCORT OFFICER WHEN THE NIGERIAN GROUP TOURED PEKING SITES (NCNA ENGLISH SEPTEMBER 10). CHEN ON THIS OCCASION WAS GIVEN HIS MILITARY TITLE AS PEKING MR COMMANDER PROBABLY BECAUSE OG GOWON'S MILITARY RANK AND THE PRESENCE OF OTHER MILITARY PERSONAGES IN THE GOWON ENTOURAGE. ALSO WORTHY OF ATTENTION WAS THE REAPPEARANCE, AFTER SOME ABSENCE, AT TOP LEADERSHIP TURNOUTS OF MILITARY ELDER HSU HSIANG-CHIEN (HONG KONG 9980). HE MAY HAVE

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BEEN A STANDIN FOR THE STILL ABSENT MILITARY CHIEF YEH CHIEN-YING (WR 36). YEH SHOULD HAVE BEEN PRESENT FOR GENERAL GOWON; WE CAN ONLY SPECULATE THAT YEH IS ILL OR, POSSIBLY, INVOLVED IN THE PRESENT CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT LIN PIAO'S MILITARY LINE.

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4. AS WOULD BE EXPECTED BY THE COMPOSITION OF THE NIGERIAN DELEGATION AND ITS APPARENT INTENTION TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROJECTS (LAGOS 8289), POLITBURO MEMBER HUA KUO-FENG, WHO HAS SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR AGRICULTURE, HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN GREETING THE NIGERIANS. THIS CONCENTRATION ON ECONOMIC MATTERS MAY HAVE BEEN THE REASON FOR ASSIGNING VICE PREMIER LI RATHER THAN TENG AS HOST FOR THE VISIT; LI IS THE ECONOMICS MAN AMONG THE TWO CHOU STANDINS.

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5. LOCAL PRESS PLAY OF THE GOWON VISIT TURNED UP SOME INTERESTING PHOTO COVERAGE. THE LOCAL COMMUNIST PAPERS--WEN WEI PAO AND TA KUNG PAO--BOTH FRONT-PAGED A PICTURE OF CHIANG CHING SHAKING HANDS WITH GOWON BUT WITH NO OTHER CHINESE LEADERS SHOWING (SEPTEMBER 11). (NAMES OF OTHER CHINESE LEADERS PRESENT FOR THE RECEPTION DID APPEAR IN THE PHOTO CAPTION.) CHIANG CHING HAD EARLIER BEEN IN ON THE SAME KIND OF CEREMONY WITH TOGOLESE PRESIDENT EYADEMA BUT THEN DID NOT RATE SPECIAL PHOTO ATTENTION. IN CONTRAST, GOWON'S AIRPORT ARRIVAL AND GREETING BY LI HSIEN-NIEN WAS CARRIED ONLY BY TA KUNG PAO AND THEN WAS PLACED ON PAGE TWO (SEPTEMBER 10). THIS KIND OF KALEIDOSCOPIC SHIFTING FURTHER SUGGESTS PREOCCUPATION WITH THE SUCCESSION PROBLEM.
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6. FOR THE VISIT OF THE FULBRIGHT CODEL, THE MEETING AT TACHAI, THE NATION'S AGRICULTURAL MODEL, PERHAPS SERVED TO GIVE GREATER ATTENTION TO THE CODEL INSIDE CHINA. PEOPLE'S DAILY (SEPTEMBER 7) RAN A PHOTO OF THE VISIT TAKEN WITH NATIONALLY KNOWN FIGURE CHEN YUNG-KUEI (PEKING 1549; HONG KONG 10022). CHEN, ALSO A POLITBURO MEMBER, HAS TAKEN ON THIS ROLE AS THE EXPOSITOR OF TACHAI'S ACHIEVEMENTS ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WITH ANY VISITING U.S. DELEGATION.
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7. THE MOVEMENT'S CALL FOR UNITY--UNDER CENTRAL LEADERSHIP
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REITERATING ITS MONTHLY (SINCE APRIL) CALL FOR UNITY, RED FLAG'S SEPTEMBER ISSUE (NO 9), CONTINUES THE LINE OF THE AUGUST CHI HSIN ARTICLE (WR 34) WITH FURTHER ATTACKS AGAINST "SPLITISM" AND THOSE "OTHER FOOLISH THINGS" WHICH "DISHEARTEN FRIENDS AND GLADDEN THE ENEMY." THE ISSUES THAT REMAIN "CONTROVERSIAL" ARE TO BE DECIDED BY STUDY ON THE BASIS OF "THE PRINCIPLE OF SEEKING THE COMMON GROUND" AND "BEARING IN MIND THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND THE SITUATION AS A WHOLE." MOST IMPORTANT APPEARS TO BE THE STRONG UNDERLYING CURRENT EMPHASIZING CENTRAL LEADERSHIP WHICH, BUILDING ON THE JULY 1 PARTY DAY EDITORIAL, HAS ALSO BEEN INCREASINGLY NOTICEABLE IN PROVINCIAL BROADCASTS (WR 36).
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8. THE RED FLAG ARTICLE REPEATS THE AUGUST ISSUE'S POSITION ON ALLOWING THOSE WHO HAVE MADE MISTAKES TO CORRECT THEM--AS OPPOSED TO PAYING ATTENTION TO CRITICIZING OTHERS--BUT STILL WARNS THAT THERE ARE CLASS ENEMIES WHO "REFUSE TO CRITICIZE LIN PIAO AND CONFUCIUS." AS USLO POINT OUT, THE EMPHASIS IN THE ARTICLE ON LINE STRUGGLE HAS DIMINISHED (PEKING 1548) FOR UNITY" IS NOW THE "IMPORTANT HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE" IN STRUGGLE AND THE EXPERIENCE TO BEAR IN MIND IN THE CRITICISM MOVEMENT. THE UNITY THEME AND THE QUESTION OF GETTING CRITICISM SORTED OUT, PARTICULARLY WHEN COUPLED WITH CURRENT EFFORTS TO CRITICIZE LIN'S MILITARY LINE, POINTS TO A STRONG PLAY BY THE PARTY LEADERSHIP TO GET THE MILITARY ON BOARD AND IN THE PROPER POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE PARTY WITH THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF DISTURBANCE IN LEADERSHIP RANKS.

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9. LIN'S MILITARY REPUTATION THE NEW TARGET SOMEWHAT CONTRADICTING THE EVIDENCE THAT MASS ACTIVITIES MAY BE TONED DOWN IN THE REMAINING PHASE OF THE CRITICISM CAMPAIGN WUHAN, CHENGTU, AND CANTON HAVE HELD MASS RALLIES WITH ATTENDANCE RUNNING FROM 100,000(CHENGTU) TO "SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND" (CANTON). WUHAN'S RALLY (SEPTEMBER 6) WAS A MORE TRADITIONAL "EXPERIENCE EXCHANGE" TO BOOST CRITICISM AND TO CARRY OUT THE DOCUMENT 21 CALL TO "GRASP REVOLUTION AND PROMOTE PRODUCTION." THE CANTON AND CHEGTU RALLIES, HOWEVER, WENT OFF ON THE MOVEMENT'S HOTTEST CURRENT ITEM--CRITICISM OF LIN'S "BOURGEOIS MILITARY LINE."

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10. THESE ATTACKS, BASED ON DOCUMENT 23 (WR 35), AND THE SUDDEN INVOCATION OF MASS RALLIES WHICH HAD NOT BEEN USED RECENTLY. COULD INDICATE SOME CONCERN IN PEKING THAT THE NON-STUDY PHASE OF THE MOVEMENT MUST BE CONCLUDED AND THAT THE GOAL--REMOVAL OF ANY REMAINING LIN FOLLOWERS--MUST BE POPULARIEZED AND SPREAD QUICKLY. RECENT COMENT FROM A LOCAL SOURCE WOULD SEEM TO SUPPORT SPECULATION THAT THE MOVEMENT MAY SOON BE CONCLUDED (HONG KONG 10067).

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11. THE CANTON RALLY TO CRITICIZE LIN'S MILITARY LINE HAS RAISED A NEW ISSUE IN THE CRITICISM CAMPAIGN--LIN'S SPREADING OF THE CLAIM THAT "THE FOUNDER CANNOT COMMAND" AS A DIRECT ATTACK ON MAO'S LEADERSHIP OVER THE ARMY (HONG KONG 10061). THE CANTON RALLY FURTHER CHARGED THAT LIN IN HIS CAMPAIGNS IN THE NORTHEAST AND NORTH CHINA FAILED TO MAINTAIN THE PRINCIPLES OF PROPER SUBORDINATION OF "THE ENTIRE PARTY... TO THE CENTER," THUS FURTHER EMPHASIZING THE MOVEMENT'S THEMES OF ARMY SUBORDINATION TO THE PARTY AND THAT CENTRAL AUTHORITY MUST BE OBEYED.
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12. THE ELEVATION OF THE CRITICISM OF LIN'S BOURGEOIS MILITARY LINE AS THE "CARDINAL TASK IN THE SUPREME POSITION" (CANTON SEPTEMBER 8) FOR CCP COMMITTEE ATTENTION HAS APPARENTLY MEANT THE SACRIFICE OF THE DRIVE TO EMPHASIZE THE STUDY OF LEGALIST AND CONFUCIANIST WORKS. RECENT BROADCASTS FROM THE PROVINCES HAVE NEGLECTED THIS ONCE IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF THE MOVEMENT (AND, IN ITS PLACE, HAVE INSERTED THE LINE TO STUDY CHAIRMAN MAO'S MILITARY MWRTINGS AND CRITICIZE LIN'S MILITARY LINE (SHENSI BROADCAST SEPTEMBER 6). EVEN A RECENT KWEICHOW RALLY ON BUILDING A FORCE OF MARXIST THEORISTS FAILED TO MENTION THE STUDY OF THE LEGALIST AND CONFUCIANIST LINES (KWEICHOW BROADCAST SEPTEMBER 9).
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13. EDUCATION
RECENT REPORTS FROM THE PROVINCES AGAIN STRESS TWO KEY PROBLEMS WITH REGARD TO COLLEGE ENROLLMENT. THE FIRST, TE GENERAL LACK OF OPPORTUNITY IS SEEN IN SEVERAL REFERENCES TO QUOTAS WITH ONLY ONE OR TWO CANDIDATES BEING SELECTED FOR COMPETITION FROM EACH FACTORY OR PRODUCTION BRIGADE. THE OTHER PROBLEM IS "BACKDOORISM" OR INFLUENCE PEDDLING. A REPORT FROM FUKIEN NOTES THAT "THE CHILDREN AND RELATIVES OF OUR BRIGADE'S CADRES GET PRIORITY CONSIDERATION." ANOTHER FROM HOPEI RELATES THAT A CHILD WHO HAD BEEN REJECTED FOR UNIVERSITY LAST YEAR BECAUSE OF A FRIEND'S INTERCESSION NOW HAS AN APPARENT GUARANTEE OF ADMISSION. (FOR

A DETAILED DISCUSSION OF PRC POLICY ON HIGHER EDUCATION SEE HONG KONG'S A-223).
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14. UNITED STATES
VISIT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION: PRC MEDIA HAS CARRIED STRAIGHT FACTUAL NEWS REPORTS OF THE VISITING U.S. CONGRESSIONAL

DELEGATION LED BY SENATOR FULBRIGHT, INCLUDING THE PEKING MEETINGS WITH VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING (SEPTEMBER 5), AND VICE FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA (SEPTEMBER 4) AS WELL AS THE TACHAI VISIT WITH POLITBURO MEMBER CHEN YUNG-KUEI (SEPT 7) (ITEM NO 6).

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15. SINO-U.S. RELATIONS: IN AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "STRENGTHENING AND DEVELOPING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND AMERICAN PEOPLES, "SOONG CHING-LING, THE SISTER OF MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK AND A VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS, COMMENTED THAT "DOING AWAY WITH OBSTACLES, INCLUDING THE STATIONING OF AMERICAN MILITARY IN CHINA'S TAIWAN PROVINCE AND IN INDOCHINA INCREASINGLY STRENGTHENS FRIENDSHIP AND CONTACT." THE TRANSLATED ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN FOR THE INAUGURAL ISSUE OF THE NATIONAL U.S.-CHINA PEOPLE'S FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION'S NEW MAGAZINE "NEW CHINA." NCNA SEPTEMBER 7 REPORTED THE FOUNDING OF THIS NEW ORGANIZATION IN LOS ANGELES LAST MONTH BUT HAS NOT MENTIONED THE SOONG ARTICLE (HONG KONG 10023; NCNA SEPTEMBER 6, 9, 10).

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16. CITING WASHINGTON REPORTS, NCNA SEPTEMBER 7 NOTED THE PRESIDENT'S CONVENING OF AN ECONOMIC CONFERENCE TO DEAL WITH INFLATION AND OTHER ECONOMIC ILLS AS WELL AS A GLOOMY PROGNOSIS FOR RECOVERY WITHIN THE SHORT-TERM. IN LINE WITH THE USUAL THEME OF THE MONOPOLY CAPITALISTS' PROFITING WHILE INFLATION IS WORSENING AND PRICES ARE ROCKETING, A PEKING BROADCAST OF SEPTEMBER 4 CRITICIZED U.S. DUMPING OF MILD AND THE SELLING OF WHEAT TO THE SOVIETS AS EVIDENCE OF THE CAPITALISTS' INSATIABLE GREED AT THE EXPENSE OF THE SUFFERING AND HUNGRY WORKERS.

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17. NCNA SEPTEMBER 8 CONTRASTED THE SIMILAR U.S. AND SOVIET POSITIONS AT THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE WITH THE UNILATERAL U.S. DECISION TO BAN FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS FROM ABOVE THE U.S. CONTINENTAL SHELF. THAT THE TWO SUPERPOWERS "DO NOT ALLOW OTHER COUNTRIES TO LAY A HAND ON THE FISHING RESOURCES IN THEIR COASTAL WATERS BUT THE FISHERY RESOURCES IN OTHER COUNTRIES MUST BE OPENED TO THEM, " WAS SEEN AS AN INDICATION OF THEIR HEGEMONIC POSITIONS AND A MANIFESTATION OF THE CONTRADICTIONS BETWEEN THE TWO SUPERPOWERS ON THE FISHING PROBLEM.

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18. EAST GERMANY: NCNA SEPTEMBER 4 CARRIED A ONE SENTENCE REPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND EAST GERMANY AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL.

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19. SOUTH ASIA

THE CHINESE MEDIA HAS CONTINUED TO FLAY INDIA'S "ANNEXATION" OF SIKKIM, BUT IN A SLIGHTLY LOWER KEY THAN LAST WEEK (WR 36). A SEPTEMBER 8 PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE WARNED THAT INDIA'S GLEE IS "TOO SOON". THE ARTICLE STATED THAT INDIA'S DEFENSE OF SUCH ACTION HAS COMPLETELY "THROWN AWAY NEW DELHI'S FIG-LEAF," TO REVEAL THE SHAMELESS LOGIC OF THE INDIAN EXPANSIONISTS WHO HAVE BEN "BLINDED BY INORDINATE AMBITION." IT PREDICTED SUCH ACTION WOULD NOT GO WITHOUT PUNISHMENT AND IMPLIED THIS WOULD COME IN CONFIDENTIAL

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THE FORM OF SIKKIMESE OPPOSITION AND GLOBAL CONDEMNATION. WITH REGARD TO THE LATTER, AN NCNA SEPTEMBER 6 ITEM POINTED OUT THAT ONLY ONE COUNTRY, THE USSR, HAS APPLAUDED THE ACTION. THE ARTICLE REPEATED THE THEME THAT MOSCOW'S RECORD OF TROUBLE-MAKING IN THE AREA WAS CLEAR PROOF THAT IT WAS THE "FEROCIOUS ENEMY" OF THE SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES (NCNA SEPTEMBER 4, 10).

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20. KOREA

IN A MUCH LOWER KEY THAN LAST YEAR'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DPRK , WHEN LI THE-SHENG HEADED A DELEGATION TO PYONGYANG, AND CHOU EN-LAI, WANG HUNG-WEN, AND YEH CHIEN -YING ATTENDED FESTIVITIES IN PEKING, THIS YEAR'S 26TH ANNIVERSARY WAS MARKED ONLY BY LI HSIEN-NIEN'S HEADING THE GUEST LIST AT A RECEPTION IN PEKING. THE PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL ON THE ANNIVERSARY CALLED FOR U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTH KOREA, BUT

AGAIN DID NOT SPECIFY ANY TIME FRAME (NCNA SEPTEMBER 8,9).

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21. FATAH DELEGATION

VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN ON SEPTEMBER 4 MET WITH A VISITING FATAH DELEGATION LED BY HANI AL HASAN, YASIR ARAFAT'S POLITICAL COUNSELOR. THE GROUP ARRIVED IN PEKING AUGUST 29, AND WERE HOSTED BY VICE FOREIGN MINISTER HO YING AT DINNER ON SEPTEMBER 3. NO FURTHER MENTION HAS BEEN MADE OF THEM IN THE CHINESE MEDIA (NCNA SEPTEMBER 3, 4).

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22. AFRICAN VISITORS

NIGERIAN CHIEF OF STATE GENERAL YAKUBU GOWON IS THE CURRENT AFRICAN CHIEF OF STATE IN PEKING, HAVING ARRIVED SEPTEMBER 8 ON THE HEELS OF THE PRESIDENT OF TOGO (WR 36). NEXT IN LINE IS THE PRESIDENT OF MAURITANIA, SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE NEXT WEEK. GOWON'S VISIT WAS GREETED BY A STANDARD PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL, AND IN A BANQUET SPEECH GIVEN BY HOST LI HSIEN-NIEN. NIGERIA, LIKE TOGO THE WEEK BEFORE, WAS WARMLY PRAISED FOR BEING A STAUNCH MEMBER OF THE THIRD WORLD. ON SEPTEMBER 10, GOWON MET WITH

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CHAIRMAN MAO (MCNA SEPTEMBER 7-10).

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23. GUINEA-BISSAU-- MOZAMBIQUE: CHOU EN-LAI SENT A LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LEADERS OF GUINEA-BISSAU ON SEPTEMBER 5. THE FOLLOWING DAY, PEOPLE'S DAILY CARRIED AN EDITORIAL EXPRESSING FULL SUPPORT FOR GUINEA-BISSAU'S VICTORY IN HAVING PORTUGAL FINALLY GRANT IT DE JURE RECOGNITION AS OF SEPTEMBER 10. THE EDITORIAL CRITICIZED PORTUGUESE TROOP PRESENCE IN ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE (BUT MADE NOT MENTION OF MACAU), AND CITED THE EVENTS IN GUINEA-BISSAU AS REPRESENTING A VICTORY NOT ONLY FOR ONE COUNTRY, BUT FOR THE PEOPLE "OF THE WHOLE OF AFRICA AND THE THIRD WORLD" AS WELL (NCNA SEPTEMBER 5,6).

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24. NCNA CARRIED A STRAIGHT NEWS ITEM FROM LUSAKA SEPTEMBER 7, REPORTING THAT THE MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION FRONT (FRELIMO) AND THE PORTUGUESE HAD REACHED AGREEMENT ON MOZAMBIQUE'S INDEPENDENCE. CITING A REPORT FROM LOURENCO MARQUES, NCNA REVEALED, THREE DAYS AFTER THE EVENT, THE REVOLT OF THE WHITE SETTLERS IN THE CAPITAL AND QUOTED FRELIMO SOURCES AS SAYING THEY WERE DETERMINED TO SMASH THE REVOLT (NCNA SEPTEMBER 7, 10).

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25. SINO-SOVIET

NCNA CARRIED EXCERPTS OF AN ARTICLE FROM THE CURRENT RED FLAG ENTITLED "RAPACIOUS INTERNATIONAL EXPLOITER", BLANKETLY CONDEMNING RUSSIAN AID AND TRADE AS THINLY-DISGUISED MEANS FOR PURSUING WORLD HEGEMMONY. KYODO REPORTED THAT CHANG HSIAND-SHAN, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CHINA-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION, MENTIONED TO A GROUP OF VISITING JAPANESE DIET MEN THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS TRYING TO FORGE LINKS WITH TAIWAN THROUGH THE EXCHANGE OF NEWSMEN. ON SOVIET INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AN NCNA CORRESPONDENT, LABELED THE "PANIC -STRIKEN" BREZHNEV CLIQUE'S POLICY ON GEORGIAN SOVIET REPUBLIC AS ONE OF "LARGE-SCALE READJUSTMENT AND LIQUIDATION" (NCNA SEPTEMBER 7 10; KYODO SEPTEMBER 5).
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CHINESE ATTENDANCE AT THE BULGARIAN EMBASSY RECEPTION IN PEKING MARKING THE 30 TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA (SEPTEMBER 9) WAS RAISED TO THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL THIS YEAR.
IN A FURTHER SHOW OF GREATER PEKING ATTENTION TO SOFIA, AN NCNA CORRESPONDENT'S DESPATCH FROM SOFIA PRAISED THE BULGARIAN PEOPLE'S "LONG GLORIOUS HISTORY OF FIGHTING AGAINST FOREIGN AGGRESSORS" INCLUDING THE TSARS. THE ARTICLE STATED THAT THIS HISTORY OF STRUGGLE IS A "STERN WARNING TO THE IMPERIALISTS AND HEGEMONISTS WHO ARE NOW STILL TRYING TO ENSLAVE THE BULGARIAN PEOPLE" (NCNA SEPTEMBER 8).
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27. THE DIPLOMATIC RESHUFFLE

IN THE LAST WEEK, NCNA AHAS ANNOUCNED THE DEPARTURE FOR POST OF FIVE NEW AMBASSADORS AND THE CHARGE OF PEKING 'S CARACAS EMBASSY. THE NAMING OF NEW ENVOYS TO KENYA, CAMAROOON, CHANA , ITALY, THE SUDAN, AND WEST GERMANY GRINGS THE TOTAL OF RECENTLY APPOINTED ABMASSADORS TO 16. (CHUANG YUEH'S APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR TO SUDAN MARKS HIS FIRST REGURN TO THE DIPLOMATIC SCENE AFTER AN ABSENCE OF ALMOST TEN YEARS.) MORE APPOINTMENTS ARE EXPECTED SINCE THE TOP POSTS IN EGYPT AND PAKISTAN ARE NOW VACANT. THUS FAR, THE RESHUFFLE SEEMS TO BE LARGELY CONFINED FO THE DEPARTMENT OF WEST ASIAN AND AFRICAN AFFAIRS.
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28. THE ASIAN GAMES

PRC MEDIA CONTINUES ITS EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF THE ACTIVITIES AT THE ASIAN GAMES IN TEHRAN. SUPPORTING THE ARAB POSITION, THE CHINESE TEAMS REFUSED TO COMPETE AGAINST ISRAELIS IN TWO-NATION SPORTS BUT, INTERESTINGLY, DID COMPETE IN ALL EVENTS AGAINST THE SOUTH KOREANS. ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS FROM TEHRAN, THE IRANIANS ARE NOT PLEASED WITH THE CHINESE ATTITUDE, FEELING THAT THIS DAMAGES THE SPIRIT OF THE ASIAN GAMES AND IS A POOR WAY TO REPAY IRAN FOR HER HELP IN HAVING CHIA ADMITTED TO THE GAMES (NCNA SEPTEMBER 4,10).

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